

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please amend the following paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/611,501, filed on July 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,629,643, which claims priority to Japanese Application No. 11-196700, filed July 9, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.